

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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UTILIZATION OF EXCESS FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to utilize the excess foodgrains available with the Government for distribution in the tribal areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a),(b) & (c) A Central Sector Scheme for setting up of Grain Banks is under implementation since 1996-97 exclusively for tribal villages in 13 States in the country. The Scheme provides that villages in identified areas can form a committee and set up grain bank in village. The Government of India provides one time 100% grant for setting up the grain banks, @ 100 kgs. of locally consumed foodgrains per family. The members can borrow from this bank in time of need and repay in kind after harvest or getting income as wages.

A proposal to enlarge the existing Central Sector Scheme `Grain Bank` is under consideration of the Government.